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SUBJECT: OMISSION OF NIGER FROM MISS LILLIAN'S ITINERARY

1. DURING TRADITIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY TREE-PLANTING
ACTIVITY NIGER'S AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO ABDOULAYE DIALLO
PULLED ME ASIDE TO ASK WHY MISS LILLIAN WENT TO
FOUR COUNTRIES IN SAHEL BUT DID NOT COME TO NIGER. I
ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THE PROBLEMS OF SCHEDULING SUCH A TRIP
AND THAT THE INTINERARY WAS PRE-ORDAINED BY THE INVITATION OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE GAMBIA AND THE LOCATION OF CILSS
HEADQUARTERS IN OUAGADOUGOU. TIMBUKTU, BAMAKO AND DAKAR
ON THE WAY HOME BECOME LOGICAL ATTRACTIONS WITHIN THOSE
MAGNETIC POLES. THE AMBASSADOR (AN INFLUENTIAL FIGURE IN
GON AND PRO U.S.) WAS NOT COMPLETELY PLACATED. HIS PARTING
SHOT WAS QTE WE WERE VERY UPSET ABOUT THIS. UNQTE.

2. AS REPORTED EARLIER, THE NIGER GOVERNMENT FEELS
(JUSTIFIABLY) THAT NIGER IS MORE "SAHELIAN" THAN ANY OF
OTHER SAHEL COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, NO SAHELIAN GROUPING
WITHOUT NIGER IS VALID. IN ADDITION, ALTHOUGH THE DAILY
WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF MISS LILLIAN'S TRIP WITHOUT
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NEGATIVE COMMENT, NEVER-THE-LESS GON WOULD BE MIFFED
THAT SUCH RECOGNITION WOULD BE GIVEN SOME OF ITS LESS
STABLE NEIGHBORS SUCH AS UPPER VOLTA AND MALI, PARTICULARLY
WHEN NIGER HAS BEEN MORE RELIABLE FRIEND TO U.S.

3. IN EVENT DEPT HAS MORE TO ADD WOULD APPRECIATE ADVISE
PRIOR TO 0900 MEETING FRIDAY AUG. 11 WITH FON MIN WHO

MAY RAISE QUESTION AGAIN.JAMES

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